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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR **EXAMINERS** COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

MARSHALEE HANSON-GROTZ

TO PRACTICE AS AN ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR IN THE STATE NEW JERSEY

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Hanson-Grotz's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Hanson-Grotz disclosed in her application that she had worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting at TheraCare, in Pennsauken, New Jersey under the supervision of Susan Matteson, LCSW. Ms. Hanson-Grotz submitted documentation that she performed 312 hours

of supervised counseling experience from January 2005 to February 2006 at TheraCare.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

ORDERED:

- 1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional and/or associate counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.
- 2. None of the supervised hours performed by Ms. Hanson-Grotz in any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate counselor, shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners

Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Providing that respondent complies with the terms of the Consent Order, the civil penalty shall be stayed.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC

Président

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.

Marshalee Hangon-Grotz